

4th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23
Meeting Room: CC Taylor Room
Feb. 2nd, 2023
6:00 - 8:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.371 Art & Design Club (\$62.05)---PASSED

F.23.372 Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering (\$24.98)---PASSED

F.23.373 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$1089.32)---PASSED

F.23.374 SMAS (\$85.08)---PASSED

F.23.375 Badminton Club (\$33)---PASSED

F.23.376 Choral Association (\$750)---PASSED

F.23.377 Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club (\$300)---PASSED

F.23.378 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$1097.5)---PASSED

F.23.379 Chess Club (\$540)---PASSED

F.23.380 WPI Green Team (\$85)---PASSED

F.23.381 Bionics Club (\$365.98)---PASSED

F.23.382 First Generation Student Association (FiGSA) (\$74.04)---PASSED

F.23.383 Active Minds (\$33.97)---DENIED

F.23.384 Recreation Advisory Council (\$1932.75)---PASSED

F.23.385 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1300)---PASSED

F.23.386 South Asian Student Association (\$5310)---PASSED

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.23.371 Art & Design Club (\$62.05)

Purpose of Funds:

We would like the jewelry organizer to better organize our supplies and help events run smoother for our members, and the graduation cords are for our senior exec members to honor their time on exec.

Presentation:

Purchasing 1 jewelry organizer (\$34) and 4 graduation cords (\$28)

Questions:

Q: Are graduation cords considered as a clothing item?

A: Has not been considered as a clothing item in the past.

Q: Are there rules for who can wear graduation cords at graduation?

A: Unsure about answer.

Discussion:

PRO: cost-effective purchase.

PRO: Fits purpose of club

PRO: Follows the bylaws

PRO: Similar requests have been passed before

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.372 Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering (\$24.98)

Purpose of Funds:

Graduation Cords

Presentation:

15 graduation cords for \$24.98.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: This type of request has been passed before.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.373 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$1089.32)

Purpose of Funds:

We will be using the funds to cover 66% of the registration fee cost to attend the Norman Nachle competition. We only received our acceptance package last week and must pay for our fees by February 3, 2023. We are also requesting for funds to cover our costume expenses. We will also use the funds to purchase costumes for our future performances, such as the South Asian Celebration. These costumes will be reused at each performance.

Presentation:

Club Background: Rangeela is a Bollywood dance team made in March 2022 . Has growing presence on campus. Team was accepted to Norman Nachle (dance competition) at University of Oklahoma.

Competition will occur from March 24-25. 19 dancers and 1 coach will be attending competition. Requesting for \$330, which is 66% of the total registration fee cost. Total registration fee cost is \$500.

Registration covers entrance to team mixer, tickets to afterparty, snacks on Saturday, and competition merchandise.

Costume price totals to \$759.32 (includes \$50 buffer for tax/shipping). Costumes are necessary to make team look more cohesive and professional.

Costumes will be stored within the club and will be reused for future performances

Total Requested Amount: \$1,089.32

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Costumes are important to the team.

PRO: Funding registration fees allows team to compete and cost follows bylaws.

PRO: Good capital investment. Costumes will be used for a long time.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.374 SMAS (\$85.08)

Purpose of Funds:

Restock first-aid kit as it is out of date and missing supplies

Presentation:

Funds will be used to restock med-kit.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Student safety is vital.

PRO: Appropriately serves needs of the club since club's activities can be dangerous.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.375 Badminton Club (\$33)

Purpose of Funds:

Entry Fee

Presentation:

Pdf was submitted, no presentation.

Club requests for \$33 for a competition entry fee. Club is requesting for 66% of total cost.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Follows the bylaws. Cost is amended to correct value.

PRO: Fits purpose of the club

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.376 Choral Association (\$750)

Purpose of Funds:

This request is for additional costs of land transportation to and from Boston Logan for the choir and orchestra trip to Portugal. While we previously FRed for the buses and got that amount approved, we were recently informed that a van with wheelchair accessibility would be an additional cost on top of the payment for regular buses. As we do have a member who is going on tour who requires wheelchair accessibility, we do not think it is fair to demand that cost to be paid by that student. Therefore, we are requesting an additional \$750 to provide accessible transportation for all of our members.

Presentation:

The club is requesting for \$750 to purchase a wheel chair van when club travels to Portugal over spring break. One of the members of their party requires a van that is wheelchair friendly.

Questions:

Q: What club is this request for?

A: Choral association.

Q: What is the event?

A: Club will be traveling to Portugal for an educational trip. Their bus transportation to Logan airport was funded for, but now they require a van to help a wheelchaired member to travel to airport.

Q: Is this a transportation cost?

A: Yes, but it can be funded in full since it is not airfare.

Discussion:

PRO: It's important to accommodate for all students traveling on trip.

PRO: Is integral for the success of the event.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.377 Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club (\$300)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to help our new members purchase uniforms so that they can participate in this spring's tournaments.

Presentation:

The club is requesting for uniforms. Request has been approved by Ann McCarron.

\$60.20 per uniform/shirt set. Club needs 12 uniforms.

Total cost of order= \$722.40

Requesting for SGA to cover \$25 per uniform.

Total funds requested from SGA: \$300

Questions:

Q: Is are uniforms an apparel item?

A: Generally, no.

Discussion:

PRO: Uniforms will have help the team.

PRO: The team will visibly appear more cohesive.

PRO: The uniforms have WPI colors and will help represent WPI to other.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.378 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$1097.5)

Purpose of Funds:

Used during practice to help with game like situations and will be used for scrimmages

Presentation:

Club intends to purchase pinnies, which will stay within the club. The pinnies have a long durability. Current pinnies are provided by coach and are broken.

Requesting for 50 pinnies, which will accommodate for the current number of players and any additional players for the future.

Total Requested Amount: \$1097.50

\$21.95 per pinnie.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Q: Do we consider this as an apparel item?

PRO: This request should not be considered as an apparel item since they will be reusable and will be kept within the club.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

POI: According to bylaws, SGA may fund equipment for club sports.

POI: According to bylaws, The 50%-apparel rule does not apply to items that are kept within the club.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.379 Chess Club (\$540)

Purpose of Funds:

Purchase of 20 United States Chess Federation (USCF) Memberships

Presentation:

Club will use funds to purchase 20 United States Chess Federation Memberships.

USCF membership is needed to participate in chess tournament and competitions in the Worcester area. Membership is paid through an annual fee.

Fee: \$27 per year per member.

Total cost: \$540.00

There are 30 active members in attendance each week, yet 20 active members who are interested in USCF membership.

Questions:

Q: Is this cost a registration fee?

A: This cost will all students to be entered into USFC tournament. Within the tournament, there are separate competitions that require separate registration. Some of those competitions have a registration fee and some don't. The USFC membership fee is a prerequisite to participate in competitions. The request that is being presented is not a registration fee.

Discussion:

PRO: Necessary for club's activities

PRO: Great opportunity for club to expand. Since the cost is not a registration fee, SGA should fund it in full.

PRO: Students will be able to represent WPI at competitions.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.380 WPI Green Team (\$85)

Purpose of Funds:

\$55 for LNL payment ; \$25 for concessions for attendees

Presentation:

Event Name: Wall-E Movie Night. Club will be collaborating with the Social Committee.

Expected attendance for event is 40 people, no less than 20 people.

Movie will illustrate the dangers of overconsumption and waste, which fits the club's purpose.

Total Requested Amount:\$85 (concessions, LNL, etc.)

Event is SAO-approved

Questions:

Q: Has this event been done before by the Green team?

A: No.

Discussion:

PRO: Items are integral to success of event.

PRO: Movie promotes club's values.

Motion to vote. Seconded

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.381 Bionics Club (\$365.98)

Purpose of Funds:

A workshop for students to learn how to set up and program a microcontroller and other peripherals. Students will learn about the general structure of microcontrollers, memory allocation, and device communication. This workshop is open to all students looking for an introductory workshop on microcontrollers.

Presentation:

Name of event: Microcontroller Workshop

Club Background: new club on campus. first year operating as a club. Club's mission is to expand interest in 3D printed prosthetics. Requesting funds for workshop, which will focus on microcontroller motors for robotic fingers.

Date of event: February 16th from 5:00-6:30PM. Club has booked IS 203/205 for event. Offering beginner and intermediate workshops. Total capacity of workshops is 49 people.

Total Request Amount: \$365.98.

Each attendee will leave with their microcontroller and other supplies.

Questions:

Q: Is the event open to all of campus?

A: Yes, it is open to all. Must RSVP.

Q: How many microcontrollers does the club need?

Q: 10 additional microcontrollers.

Q: What is the expected attendance for this event?

A: 49 people.

Discussion:

PRO: Materials is necessary for event.

PRO: Event will provide valuable exposure of bionics for students. Request will support club's desire to reach more people.

PRO: Event caters to beginners and to those with experience.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.382 First Generation Student Association (FiGSA) (\$74.04)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to buy the food items for the event.

Presentation:

Event Name: "Chopped" Style Potluck

Date of event: February 8, expected attendance is 20 people

Event will be organized like the "Chopped" TV show. Event will be located in OASIS house.

Dishes will be provided at the house.

Requesting for \$74.04 to cover cost of ingredients

Questions:

Q: Has this event been done before?

A: No, but the club has hosted food-related events at the OASIS house before with good turnout.

Q: How to sign up for this event?

A: RSVP is not on TechSync. Club has been distributing flyers and has been verbally communicating with campus community.

Discussion:

PRO: Follows bylaws.

PRO: Cost-effective event and strong expected attendance.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.383 Active Minds (\$33.97)

Purpose of Funds:

Sticker and Fidget Toy Table sitting with Theta Nu Xi

Presentation:

Table sitting event in collaboration with Theta Nu Xi.

Clubs will be selling stickers and fidget toys. The proceeds will be split between two clubs.

Portion of funds from each club will be sent to the Trevor Project and Girl Up.

Total Requested Funds: \$33.97

Funds will be used to purchase squishy toys and stickers.

Date of event: February 7th and 8th from 10AM-2PM.

Questions:

Q: Has the club looked into external funding from WPI departments, for example the Center of Wellbeing?

A: Active minds does not have budget so they rely on funding requests. Has not reached out.

Discussion:

CON: Fundraising and collaborating with a Greek organization

POI: Greek orgs cannot request for budgets, but can request for funds if it benefits the entire student body.

POI: Fundraisers can be hosted, but the profits must be used to first offset the cost of event

POI: Cannot fund donations (From Financials 101)

PRO: Items fit purpose of club

CON: Students shouldn't buy items that they already paid for through the student life fee.

Outcome:

DENIED

F.23.384 Recreation Advisory Council (\$1932.75)

Purpose of Funds:

Shirts for NIRSA Rec Day which is held every year for the undergraduate community

Presentation:

Requesting for NIRSA Rec Day shirts. Has been requested and approved for in the past. Open to all of campus. Shirts will be distributed at the recreation center. Approved by Ann McCarron.

Purchase Details: 300 shirts in different sizes.

Total requested cost is \$1932.75. Invoice is attached from supplier.

Questions:

Q: Total number of shirts?

A:300

Discussion:

PRO: Cost-effective purchase. \$6 per student for each shirt.

Pro: Apparel rule does not apply since shirts will be distributed to all of campus, and are not strictly for club members.

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.385 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1300)

Purpose of Funds:

Training Equipment

Presentation:

25 climbers on team.

Request is to purchase training equipment. Club discussed with Ann McCarron.

Total Requested Amount: \$1300.00 (equipment, to help reduce possible injuries)

Central Rock Gym will be storing items.

Questions:

Q: Where will the equipment be stored?

A: CRG

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Promotes student safety

PRO: Necessary for club and club has reserved a proper storage space

Outcome:

PASSED

F.23.386 South Asian Student Association (\$5310)

Purpose of Funds:

Pay for food supplier, external lighting and audio services, decorations, drinks, and photography

Presentation:

Event: South Asian Celebration

Event will feature performances from student body. Purpose of event is to showcase diversity of South Asian cultures. Sit-down event with catered food. 300-350 people are expected to attend. Exptced attendance is based on previous Garba event. The event is take place on February 24th in Alden Hall.

This date is a Wellness Day, but it was the only available day that could be booked. Event is open to all of campus. Ticketed event. 50 tickets are reserved for non-WPI guests. Ticket prices: \$5 for WPI guest; \$7 for non WPI guest.

Requesting for funds to cover additional costs for LNL, décor, food, campus police, gift cards, printing, photo booth, DJ and lighting. Since the event is on a Wellness Day, the sound and lighting will be sourced from an external DJ and not LNL because LNL does not operate on Wellness Days. The quote for the DJ's lighting and sound package is around \$3,000.

Some LNL members will be volunteering at the event for additional support. Funds will also be used to pay for their service.

Total Requested Amount: \$5310.00

Questions:

Q: To confirm, you are requesting for \$5310.00?

A: Yes

Q: How did you calculate the projected attendance?

A: 230 people attended the previous South Asian Celebration event last year. 300 people attended SASA's garba event in the fall.

Q: Club has already budgeted \$5,000 for this event and is now asking for an additional amount of money. Could the club move the date of the event to eliminate the need to ask for more funds and use LNL services?

A: February 24th was the only available day, unfortunately it fell on a Wellness Day.

Q: SAO approved this event?

A: Yes.

Q: How will club be advertising this event?

A: TechSync, Instagram, posters, other social media.

Discussion:

PRO: Club has a strong reputation with hosting successful events. This event is good for promoting South Asian culture.

PRO: The large cost is justified by the large expected attendance.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome:

PASSED